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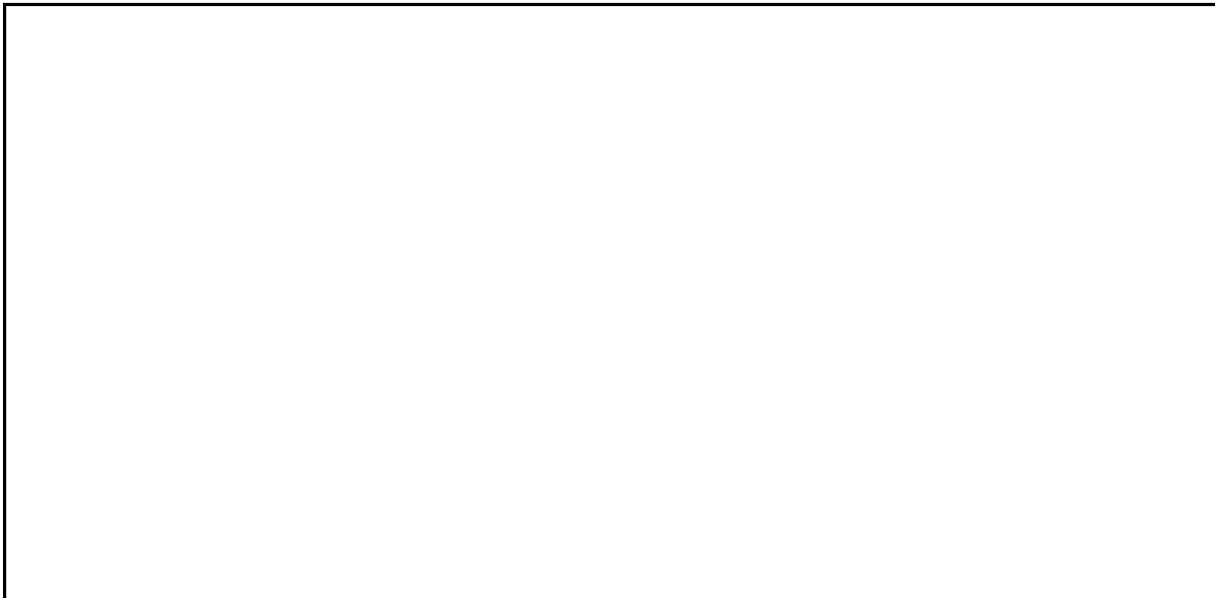
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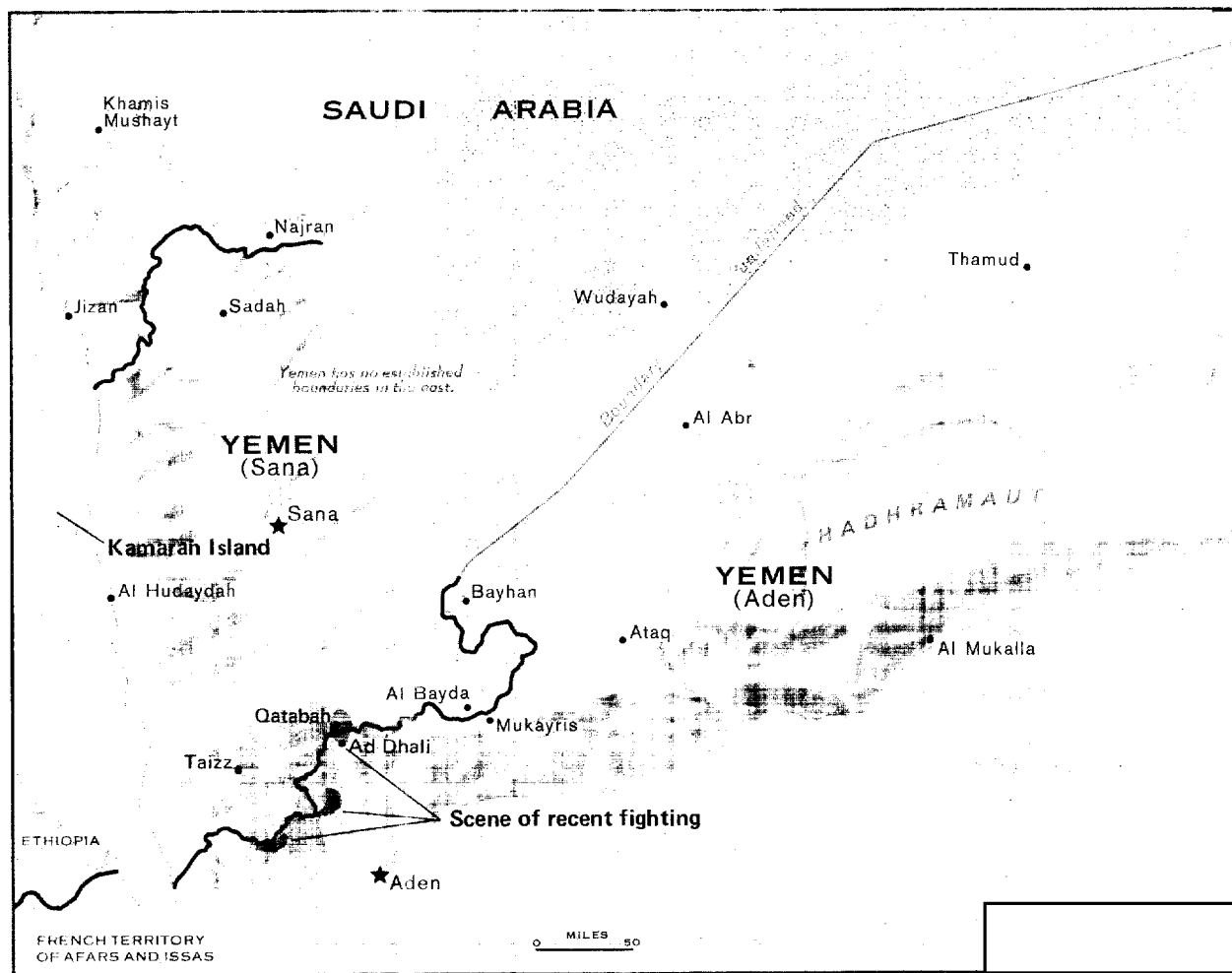
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YEMEN (SANA) - YEMEN (ADEN): The seizure of the Yemen (Aden) island of Kamaran by anti-Adeni dissidents based in Yemen (Sana) brings the two Yemens nearer to intensified hostilities.

Forces of the National Unity Front, the organization of Adeni exiles seeking the overthrow of the leftist regime in Aden, occupied the Red Sea island of Kamaran on 6 October. They encountered little resistance and captured about 20 Adeni soldiers. Kamaran is about 150 miles north of Aden and lies only one and a half miles off the north-central coast of Yemen (Sana). The island, which has a population of only a few thousand, was occupied by the British in 1915 and administered by them from Aden until late 1967 when Yemen (Aden) became independent.

Aden has claimed that the invading force was the army of Yemen (Sana) and has threatened to use force if the island cannot be regained by peaceful means. Aden said it had delayed announcing the occupation of the island for 48 hours in order to give Sana an opportunity "to rescind its decision to escalate the fighting."



Despite Aden's contention that it is adhering to a cease-fire, it is unlikely to accept the loss of Kamaran. Aden is not likely to distinguish between the National Unity Front dissidents and the forces of Yemen (Sana) in any military action.

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(The momentum for further action against Aden is building, [redacted] and new dissident forays across the border may well occur within the next several days. Aden's army is relatively effective and well armed, and probably capable of dealing with the dissidents unless fighting occurs simultaneously at widely separated points.)

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